

CATHEDRAL OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR.

TO THE FAITHFUL CLERGY AND LAITY
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE
DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :—

A Cathedral Establishment for the Diocese of Toronto has been for many years in contemplation, but although the project has been, at different times, brought before the Church through the late Church Society and the Synod, it is only of recent years that it has begun to take definite shape.

Your Venerated Diocesan, the First Bishop of Toronto, the Father of the Church in this Province, evidently gave to this question much consideration ; for in the year 1843, amongst other generous gifts to various Church objects, he donated for a Cathedral Establishment four hundred acres of land, consisting of the east half of lot No. 4, in the 8th concession of Seymour ; lot 21, in the 8th concession of Plantagenet ; and the west half of lot 5, in the 11th concession of Belmont.

The rents derived from these lands, and the proceeds of sales, have formed the Cathedral Establishment Fund which has appeared for many years in the Church Society and Synod Reports.

In 1853, attention was directed to the subject by the republication by the Church Society of a Pastoral Letter on the subject of Church organization and